SHC issues notices to two police officers

By Our Correspondent

HYDERABAD, Dec 31: The Sindh High Court, Hyderabad circuit bench, on Thursday issued notices to the SSP of Badin district, the SHO of Tando Ghulam Ali Police Station and the additional A.G of Sindh in response to a constitutional petition alleging police highhandedness.

The petition filed by Qurban Ali Chohan, advocate, on behalf of petitioner Mazhar Iqbal would be heard on Jan 5.

The Home Secretary, the IG of Police, Sindh, the commissioner of Hyderabad, the DIG of Police, Hyderabad, the SSP of Badin and others were nominated as respondents.

The petitioner prayed for the registration of an FIR against certain police officials who had trespassed into his house and looted some gold ornaments, cash and licensed gun.

He further prayed that the gun and documents of two cars which were taken away by the police of Tando Ghulam Ali Police Station should be returned to him.

He has prayed for the grant of cost of Rs2,00,000 to him to be paid by the SHO of Tando Ghulam Ali Police Station and his subordinate from their own pockets.

He recalled that on Dec 17 a police party led by SHO Mir Liaquat of Tando Ghulam Ali Police Station, trespassed into his house without any search warrant and misbehaved with the women folk.

They broke open the almirah and looted Rado watch, gold ornaments and Rs25,000 cash.

He added that on December 18 when he went to the police station of Digri to lodge an FIR the police refused to register the case against their colleagues and then he approached the SSP of Badin who held out an assurance that the action will be taken against the responsible policemen.

He maintained that the raiding team also taken away documents of two cars of the petitioner which were registered in the name of Munawar Iqbal and Muhammad Iqbal, both are brothers of the petitioner.

He disclosed that no action was taken despite assurance by the SSP against Mir Liaquat Ali, who expressed his anger after he learnt that the SSP was approached by the petitioner for taking action against him.

He said that it was an irony that his younger brother, Muhammad Iqbal, was implicated in false cases under the Arms Ordinance and theft of cars, which were Muhammad Iqbal's own property.

He added that SHO Mir Liaquat Ali called him at the police station and said that if he dared to contact any other authority his entire family would be implicated in false cases.

He claimed that he was also detained at the said police station and was only allowed to go after he paid Rs75,000 to the police as bribe through his cousin, Amir.

He said that the said police officials had violated mandatory provisions of law thus committing offences under section 457, 458, 395 PPC.

He said that the attitude of SSP of Badin had emboldened the policemen who kept violating the sanctity of chadar and char dewari.

He prayed that the DIG of Hyderabad be directed to refrain the respondents from harassing his family members and that a detailed investigation by some and honest police officer should be conducted to ascertain true facts.